

# BASE BALL, BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

## LES DARCY HESITATES

Australian Unwilling to Fight in United States.

Hinted That Middleweight Would Come If Guaranteed Lump Sum for Series of Bouts—Would Have to Meet Gibbons.

They still are trying to tempt Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight sensation, to come to America. Despite all the talk of the Australian crack being forced into the army he is said to have hinted that he might make the trip provided that he was guaranteed a lump sum for a series of bouts and the money was placed in the bank before he sailed.

There is a growing suspicion that Darcy has no great inclination to come here, but could be induced to take the chance if guaranteed a fortune, win or lose. Other Australian boxers of lesser note have no trouble in leaving the country and it seems strange that an exception should be made in his case.

It may be that the real reason for Darcy's hesitation is that if he came here he would have to meet Mike Gibbons and Jack Dillon, two men who would be far more dangerous than any he has encountered so far in his remarkable career. Considering his youth and inexperience Darcy has done wonders, but it is a fact that the men he has defeated were more or less back numbers.

His knockout of Eddie McGoorty was the Australian's most noteworthy feat. It is well known that McGoorty had passed his prime several years ago. Jeff Smith, another of his victims,



Les Darcy.

was on his last legs, and Jimmy Clabby was in the same condition. Darcy won on a foul from Smith and merely outpointed Clabby in 20 rounds without coming anywhere near scoring a knockout.

Dillon and Gibbons are away ahead of that bunch and no doubt Darcy would rather wait and meet them in his own country where the conditions would be more to his liking. In a year or so from now, both Gibbons and Dillon will be less formidable than they are at present, and the longer Darcy delays facing them, the easier it will be for him, provided he continues to improve.

## PLAYING FOOTBALL IN SIAM

Native Game Played With Ball About Four Inches in Diameter, Hollow and Strong.

Lovers of outdoor sports would find one thing to interest them in Siam. It is the native game of football. This is played with a ball about four inches in diameter, hollow and strong.

The number of contestants varies, but play is sharpest when there are enough to form a circle about ten feet in diameter. Beyond that, the larger the circle, the slower the play.

The game consists in keeping the ball tossing in the air without breaking the circle. If a man misses his opportunity he drops out, and when but four or six remain the work is sharp and very pretty.

The ball is struck most frequently with the knee, but also with the foot, from before, behind and at the side of the player. A player has been known to let a ball drop directly behind his back, and then, without turning, return it clear over his head and straight into the middle of the circle, all with one well-aimed backward kick of his heel.

## CHANGES IN FOOTBALL CODE

Referee Has Power to Award Touchdown in Case Foul Is Committed Preventing a Score.

Changes of importance in the college football code in effect this season are: The referee has power to award a touchdown to the offending side in case a foul is committed which prevents a score. If a team comes on the field late the other team can choose the goal. If the kickoff goes into the crowd or stand it is a touch-back. If a blocked kick goes into the stand it is a safety. Players do not have to wear numbers for the pleasure or instruction of the public.

## HARVARD FOOTBALL CANDIDATES PRACTICE



ON THE FIELD FOR FIRST PRACTICE.

A long list of men reported on Soldiers' field, Cambridge, Mass., for the first fall practice. Among the most noted of those reporting is Captain Dandun, the husky linebacker of the famous "Eddie Mahan's" 1915 team. It will be a hard task for the coaches to whip up a winning team this year, since Dandun and Harte are the only veterans eligible for this year's lineup; the others are out of the game either due to graduation or to scholastic difficulties. It will be the task of the coaches Haughton and Leary to build a new team around Captain Dandun.

The photo shows the men as they came out of their locker rooms on the field for their first practice. The insert is Captain Dandun.

## INTERESTING SPORT PARAGRAPHS

Montreal may soon boast of an eighth race track.

There are 13 polo fields in the vicinity of the Meadow Brook club at Long Island.

John McGraw "refused to deny" the tale that he would manage the White Sox next year.

It was at Hank Gowdy's recommendation that the Boston Braves bought Larry Chappell.

There has been a good deal of talk about the trading of Gavy Cravath, and denials as often.

"Kelley Takes Senior Sculls at Washington."—Headline. Chances are he took 'em from Griffith.

In New York they are hailing Walter Holke as the best thing that has happened in a long time.

Edgar S. Heller, captain-elect of the Lombard football team, will not return to the gridiron this fall.

Arnold N. S. Jackson, the famous Oxford and Olympic runner, is now a captain in the British army.

Now only Arthur Fletcher remains of the regular team which won the National league championship in 1911.

University of California's football call was responded to by more than 200 candidates. Andy Smith is head coach.

Dutch Bergman, former Notre Dame football star, will not return to the Cleveland Indians, looks like considerable ball player.

Cincinnati fans seem to have taken to Lee Hobbs strong and he already has been nicknamed Smokey because of his speed in fielding.

Colleges throughout this country number 221 have one or more baseball fields. There are 179 colleges which have running tracks.

The Gaelic Athletic League of California has been reorganized among San Francisco clubs who will play football and hurling on Sundays.

Essex park, Hot Springs, Ark., dead for ten years, where many a famous race horse made his debut, will be the scene of a big fall meet November 4 to 30.

Harold Hald, a pitcher who is to get a trial with the Pittsburgh Pirates, is credited with a wonderful strike-out record in independent circles in Pennsylvania.

Elmer Flick, who, with Larry LaJoie and Bill Bernhardt, jumped the Phillies in favor of the Cleveland American league war in 1902, now is a grand circuit driver.

Single G., the new racing king demonstrated in grand circuit races, is a six-year-old bay stallion about the average in beauty and races in plain harness, with few boots.

The Marquis de Polignac of France, who established a college for athletes at Rheims, is visiting this country in order to study the athletic systems in camps and schools here.

The Scottish Football association (soccer) has decided that no international matches shall be played during the present season, and that the Scottish national cup competition be dropped.

## ALL-AROUND ATHLETE

John B. Kelly, Crack Oarsman of Vesper Club, Is Star.

Failed in Ambition to Become National Champion in Senior Sculls—Also Noted as Basket-Ball Center and Boxer.

John B. Kelly of the Vesper Boat club of Philadelphia and one of the best oarsmen in the country, is a first-class all-around athlete. Kelly stands six feet one inch and weighs 172 pounds when in rowing condition. Back in 1908 Kelly started his rowing career at the Chamounix Boat club, Philadelphia. He did not do any racing while a member of that club, but got the rowing fever, and at the end of six weeks joined the Montross Boat club. Kelly's stay at Montross was also short. He was invited to join several of the bigger clubs, and in two months he enrolled with the Vespers.

Kelly became a full-fledged Vesper oarsman in 1909. From that time on he continued to rise in sculling.

While Kelly failed in his ambition to become the national champion in the senior sculls at the recent regatta held in Duluth, he ran into some of the roughest water an oarsman has



John B. Kelly.

been forced to tackle, and the race was hardly a criterion of his ability, or of that of Rooney of the Ravenswood club, New York, who won the event.

While Kelly has been with the Vesper club he has put in 55 winning boats, and on the past Fourth of July, in the people's regatta in his home city, was the stroke of four victorious shells. In all this season his racing log shows 13 triumphs, one of the greatest achievements in the history of rowing. Single and double sculls are Kelly's favorite events, but he can stroke a four or an eight-oared shell with the best of them, as has been attested by his versatile record in the aquatic sport.

Aside from being a remarkable oarsman, Kelly is also noted as a basketball center, fullback in football, a clever swimmer and can also box well. In winter he keeps in condition by playing the cage game. Last season he jumped center for the West Branch Y. M. C. A. of Philadelphia, and was regarded as one of the best touch-off men outside of the Eastern league.

Kelly does not play as much football as he did four or five years ago, as his coach and friends have advised him to give up the game on account of the risk. There are few better swimmers to be found anywhere than Kelly, and he can more than take care of himself when he puts on the gloves.

## GOLF BUGS MORE NUMEROUS

Former Baseball Rooters Now Go Out Each Afternoon and Chase Marble Around Links.

The insidious golf germ has inserted itself into the systems of many of our well-known sportsmen who formerly were numbered among the first-class baseball rooters. In every city of the circuit there are several hundred of these formerly conscientious patrons of the ball games who now get out each afternoon and chase themselves around the links. Instead of holding down a soft seat and waiting for somebody to swat the pill, they get out themselves and earnestly strive to connect with a marble set on an anvil.

Then many a young man who once took his best "gal" to the ball games compromises and saves carfare by going to the movies and witnessing the "Horrors of Hortense" or something else equally horrible.

## DEVICE HELPS GOLF PLAYER

Wire Fastened to Hat and Adjusted in Front of Eyes on Straight Line With Ball.

A device that is designed to help beginners make accurate golf strokes consists of a hinged wire which is fastened to the hat and adjusted in front of the eyes so that the wire is in the line of vision between the eyes of the player and the ball when the stroke is to be made. It is very important to keep the head still and to keep the eyes on the ball when making a shot. This arrangement is intended to enable a player to realize any deflection of the eye or turning of the head and so check an inaccurate stroke.—Popular Mechanics Monthly.

## MANY MINOR LEAGUE STARS SHOW CLASS



HIGH-PRICED PLAYERS FROM MINORS.

When a minor league star is purchased by a big league club and the size of his price is mentioned in the papers the fans who read about it are pleased to express some amusement. There has been more than one \$100,000 beauty dished up from the bushes only to strut his little hour upon the major league stage and then be heard of no more. And the fan has begun to feel that the higher they are priced the harder they fall.

Marty O'Toole is probably the most illustrious of the \$100,000 lemons, and Marty deserves every bit of his high reputation. When the Pirates came clean with \$22,500 to the St. Paul club for O'Toole they seemed persuaded that he would be worth it. Most anyone admits today that he was not.

There have, of course, been others in O'Toole's class, but scarcely so many on the whole as to warrant the idea that every costly bushier is sure to funk. On the contrary, there are many who have been worth every cent of the thousands they have cost, and there have also been others who may have heard of—Speaker and Cobb, Frisance, and Matty and Walter Johnson—who were had for a few hundred dollars.

It is reasonable to suggest that good fortune has had lots to do in these affairs. If it were possible for a manager to make sure of a player's class in making a deal there would be fewer deals. But though more than once the big price has been a mistake there are plenty of cases when it was not.

Charley Comiskey, the White Sox owner, has been stung more than once, but then again he has picked up talent that was worth all it cost. Ray Schalk is said to have brought something close to \$20,000, and the Sox will never regret a cent of it. Hap Felsch is another high-priced beauty who cost just about as much as Schalk, and Comiskey is more than pleased with the deal.

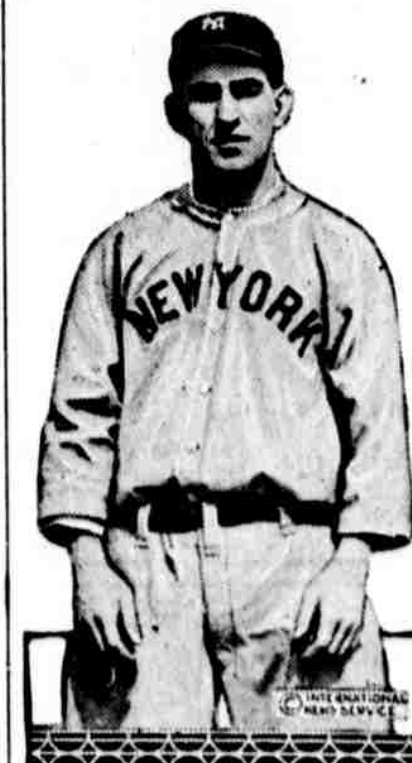
Chief Meyers and Hal Chase were considered high-priced youngsters when they first came up to the majors and they both performed with all the class their bush-league work had promised. Both the chief and Hal were considered most costly in a day when the prices for players were more moderate. Fritz Malsel cost the Yanks \$12,000 and the release of Dan-Iels and Midkiff when he joined them from Baltimore.

## SPORTING WORLD

### ROGER PECKINPAUGH AN IDOL

Almost Impossible to Hit Ball Through Territory of Yankee Shortstop—Fans Praise Him.

When exploiting the crack shortstop of the game don't overlook that Cleveland boy, Roger Peckinpaugh, who has been playing a most brilliant game for the Yankees. It is almost



Roger Peckinpaugh.

Impossible to hit a ball through Peck's territory, while he takes them over second just as easily as a catcher captures a foul fly. As for his throwing, no infielder in the business can whip them over to first better than he can. Just at present he is one of the popular idols of the metropolis and every bit of the praise bestowed upon him is deserved.

### EDWARD LASKER WINS TITLE

Winner of Recent Western States Chess Association Meet, Gains Victory by Half a Point.

Edward Lasker, winner of the recent Western States Chess association meet, holds a number of titles, all of which he won by the narrow margin of half a point. He holds the championship of New York, the championship of Chicago, and during his stay in England won the championship of London.

## OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

The Eagle Presents Its Galaxy of the Leading Political and Social Organizations.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave. Bohemia Club—3659 Douglas boulevard.

Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building. Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st.

Caxton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bldg. Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute. Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street. Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue. Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st.

City Club, 315 Plymouth court. Cliff Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave.

Colonial Club of Chicago, 4445 Grand boulevard. Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Elks, Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington street.

Englewood, 6323 Harvard avenue. Edgewater Country, 5658 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 33d st. Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 112 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel. Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st.

Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard. Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg., 17th floor. Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave.

Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building. Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 38 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, lake shore and 67th street. Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street.

Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street. Standard, Michigan ave. and 24th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1255 La Salle avenue. Twentieth Century, 2246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street. University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

Thomas D. Nash would make a splendid Judge of the Municipal Court. He is a thorough lawyer and has the training temperament and all the accessories that go to make a good judge.

John Z. Vogelzang is the dean of Chicago restaurant men.

The Lyon Brand tires are in great demand. The Auto Tire Sales Company at 1346 Michigan avenue, of which T. S. Shattuck is the manager, never hear anything but words of praise for the Lyon Brand, of which they sell an immense number, both at wholesale, to the trade and retail to private individuals.

Edward J. Birk, the well known brewer, makes friends everywhere he goes and would make a great race for public office if he would allow his name to be used.

Matt Aller would make a good City Treasurer. He is a sterling Democrat and has worked hard to put many good men into public office.

John B. Knight of 72 West Washington street is one of the leaders in the real estate world.

Henry Stuckart made a good record as City Treasurer, a good record as South Town assessor and a good record as alderman. He certainly will make a good record as county treasurer.

Charles S. Thornton, the well known lawyer, has honored every office he ever filled from president of the board of education to corporation counsel.

A. T. Koehne of 1100 Webster avenue, is frequently mentioned for Alderman of the Twenty-fourth ward, although he is not looking for any office himself.

John J. Calnan, the well known plumber at 440 South Dearborn street, makes friends out of everybody he does business with by his straightforward methods.

John D. Gallivan, the veteran letter carrier, is one of the most popular men in the service of Uncle Sam.